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In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)  
(Jointly Administered)

**Hearing Date: January 17, 2023 @ 10:00 am ET**

**ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER  
AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AND PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONALS  
UTILIZED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS**

**DATED: January 17, 2023**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Kaplan".

Honorable Michael B. Kaplan  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through eleven (11) and the exhibits hereto is **ORDERED**.

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Upon the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing Employment and Payment of Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of Business* (the "Motion")<sup>1</sup> and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157 and Standing Order 12-1 (Simandle, C.J.), *Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11*, dated September 18, 2012; and consideration of the Motion and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and it appearing that venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided; and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having reviewed the Motion; and the Court having held a hearing (the "Hearing") on the Motion; and all objections, if any, to the Motion having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon the First Day Declaration and Second Day Declaration, the record of the Hearing, and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to employ and retain the Ordinary Course Professionals listed on the attached **Exhibit 1** (the "Initial Ordinary Course Professionals"), and any Additional Ordinary Course Professional (as defined in the Motion and paragraph 4 of

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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this Order and collectively with the Initial Ordinary Course Professionals, the "Ordinary Course Professionals"), without the need to file individual retention applications and obtain retention orders for each such Ordinary Course Professional. The Debtors are further authorized, but not directed, to pay such Ordinary Course Professionals' fees, including, if necessary, advancing any reasonable post-petition retainer to the Ordinary Course Professional. Except for the one-time retainer to Johnson Gardiner disclosed in the Motion, any advancement of a reasonable post-petition retainer to an Ordinary Course Professional shall be subject to notice being provided to the Notice Parties (defined below) with an opportunity to object within seven (7) days of service of such notice. Such objection deadline is subject to extension by agreement of the Debtors and the U.S. Trustee. The Debtors are further authorized, but not directed, to reimburse expenses incurred by Ordinary Course Professionals pursuant to the terms of this Order. Such authorizations are effective as of the Petition Date or the applicable date of engagement.

3. Within seven (7) days after the date of entry of this Order, the Debtors shall serve this Order upon each Initial Ordinary Course Professional. Thereafter, no later than (a) thirty (30) days after the date of entry of this Order or (b) the date on which each retained Initial Ordinary Course Professional commences services for the Debtors, each Initial Ordinary Course Professional shall provide to the Debtors and the Debtors' counsel a Declaration pursuant to Section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code, substantially in the form of Exhibit 2 (the "OCP Declaration") for filing with the Court and service upon (i) the United States Trustee, (ii) counsel to the official unsecured creditors committee appointed in these cases (the "Committee"), and (iii) those parties that have filed a notice of appearance and request for service of pleadings in the

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Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (collectively, the "Notice Parties"), certifying that such Ordinary Course Professional does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matter or matters on which such Ordinary Course Professional is to be employed. Each Ordinary Course Professional shall also complete and return the Retention Questionnaire substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**, which, among other things, will detail the type and scope of services to be provided and the compensation to be paid for such services and shall be served on the Notice Parties.

4. The Debtors are authorized, without need for further hearing or order from the Court, to employ and retain Ordinary Course Professionals not currently listed on Exhibit 1 (the "Additional Ordinary Course Professionals") by filing with the Court, and serving on the Notice Parties, a supplement to Exhibit B (the "Supplement"), listing the name of the Additional Ordinary Course Professional, together with a brief description of the services to be rendered and the applicable monthly fee cap and aggregate fee cap, serving a copy of the Supplement on the Notice Parties, and by otherwise complying with the terms of this Order. Such authorization is effective retroactive to the date of filing the Supplement or the applicable date of engagement. Each Additional Ordinary Course Professional shall file an OCP Declaration no later than (a) thirty (30) days of the filing of such Supplement or (b) the date on which each Additional Ordinary Course Professional commences services for the Debtors.

5. The Notice Parties shall have fifteen (15) days after the later of (i) the entry of this Order or (ii) the service of any OCP Declaration and Retention Questionnaire (the "Objection Deadline") to object to the retention of any Ordinary Course Professional. Any such objections

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shall be filed with the Court and served upon the Debtors, the Debtors' counsel, the Notice Parties, and the Ordinary Course Professional subject to such objection by the Objection Deadline. If any objection cannot be resolved or withdrawn within fifteen (15) days after service (or on such earlier date as determined by the Debtors in their discretion), upon motion by the Debtors, such objection shall be scheduled for hearing before the Court on the next regularly scheduled hearing date or such other date that may be agreeable to the Ordinary Course Professional, the Debtors, and the objecting party. If no objection is received on or before the Objection Deadline, or if any submitted objection is timely withdrawn or resolved, the Debtors shall be authorized to retain the Ordinary Course Professional as a final matter without further order of the Court, as of the Petition Date or the applicable date of filing of the Supplement.

6. The Debtors shall not pay any fees or reimburse any expenses (nor shall any Ordinary Course Professional draw down any previously provided retainer) to any Ordinary Course Professional unless (a) the Ordinary Course Professional has submitted its OCP Declaration and Retention Questionnaire and such OCP Declaration and Retention Questionnaire have been filed with the Court and served on the Notice Parties; (b) the Objection Deadline has expired; and (c) no timely objection is pending. If a timely objection is received, no payment shall be made until such objection is either resolved, withdrawn, or otherwise overruled by the Court.

7. The Debtors shall pay each Ordinary Course Professional 100% of the fees and 100% of the disbursements incurred with respect to postpetition services, upon the submission to, and approval by, the Debtors of an appropriate invoice, a copy of which shall be promptly provided to the U.S. Trustee and counsel to the Committee, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of

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the services rendered and expenses actually incurred during the month (without prejudice and subject to (i) the Debtors' right to dispute any such invoices in the ordinary course and (ii) the rights of the Notice Parties to file an Ordinary Course Professional Fee Objection (defined below) in accordance with paragraph 11 hereof; provided, however, that each Ordinary Course Professional's total compensation and reimbursement shall not exceed the Monthly Fee Cap set forth in Exhibit 1 or in any Supplement, as applicable, on average over any three month period on a rolling basis; and provided further that the Debtors shall not pay any Ordinary Course Professional in excess of the Aggregate Fee Cap during the course of these Chapter 11 Cases as set forth in Exhibit 1 or in any Supplement except as otherwise authorized by the Court under the procedures outlined in paragraphs 8–10 of this Order.

8. If an Ordinary Course Professional's fees and expenses exceed the Monthly Fee Cap over a three-month rolling basis, such Ordinary Course Professional shall file a fee application be heard on notice, for the full amount of its fees and expenses for any month where such Ordinary Course Professional's fees and expenses exceeded the Monthly Fee Cap in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the District of New Jersey (the “Local Rules”), all orders of this Court, and the U.S. Trustee Fee Guidelines (defined below); provided that the Debtors may make an interim payment to the Ordinary Course Professional prior to a hearing on the application up to the amount of the Monthly Fee Cap for each month so long as the Ordinary Course Professional has been retained, either automatically through expiration of the Objection Deadline, or by approval of the Court. Each Ordinary Course Professional that is a law

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firm and exceeds the Monthly Fee Cap shall agree to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases*, effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Fee Guidelines").

9. If an Ordinary Course Professional seeks payment of fees in excess of the Aggregate Fee Cap, such Ordinary Course Professional shall (i) be required to (a) file a separate retention application to be retained as a professional person pursuant to section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (b) apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the U.S. Trustee Fee Guidelines and any and all applicable orders of the Court. The rights of all parties in interest with respect to any such applications are fully preserved. Each Ordinary Course Professional that is a law firm and exceeds the Aggregate Fee Cap shall agree to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee Fee Guidelines.

10. Within thirty (30) days after the end of, and with respect to, each full three month period after entry of this Order (including any initial partial month in the first period), the Debtors shall file with this Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties, a summary statement that includes the following information for each Ordinary Course Professional: (a) the name of the Ordinary Course Professional; (b) the aggregate amounts paid as compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred by such Ordinary Course Professional during the statement

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period; (c) the aggregate amount of postpetition payments made to the Ordinary Course Professional through the end of the reported Quarter; and (d) a reasonably detailed description of the services rendered by such Ordinary Course Professional during the statement period. The obligation to file summary statements shall terminate upon confirmation of a plan in the Chapter 11 Cases.

11. On the date that is established in the Chapter 11 Cases for professionals to file final fee applications and pursuant to D.N.J. LBR 2016-4, the Debtors shall file a statement (the “Final Statement”) for each of the Ordinary Course Professionals. The Final Statement shall include the following information for each Ordinary Course Professional: (i) the name of the Ordinary Course Professional; (ii) the aggregate amount paid to the Ordinary Course Professional during the previous ninety (90) days; (iii) the total amount paid post-petition to each Ordinary Course Professional; and (iv) a reasonably detailed description of the services rendered by the Ordinary Course Professional during the Chapter 11 Cases. The Final Statement shall be served upon the Notice Parties, who shall have twenty (20) days to file an objection with the Court pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code (an “Ordinary Course Professional Fee Objection”).

12. In the event the duration of these Chapter 11 Cases is longer than six (6) months from the date of entry of this Order, the Aggregate Fee Cap for each Ordinary Course Professional that has been retained, may be increased by agreement of the Notice Parties or by order of the Court.

13. Each Ordinary Course Professional shall periodically update its OCP Declaration to the extent necessary to reflect new facts or circumstances relevant to its retention, including,

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without limitation, any changes in the type or scope of services to be provided.

14. Each non-attorney Ordinary Course Professional shall waive any prepetition claim against the Debtors as a condition of its retention and compensation as an Ordinary Course Professional.

15. Subject to the payment procedures set forth in this Order, the Debtors' rights and the right of any party-in-interest to dispute any invoice submitted by an Ordinary Course Professional shall not be affected or otherwise prejudiced.

16. Each attorney Ordinary Course Professional who exceeds the Monthly Fee Cap and the Aggregate Fee Cap shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee Fee Guidelines.

17. As this Order is only procedural in nature, the U.S. Trustee reserves his rights to object to the retention of any Ordinary Course Professional on any grounds including those Ordinary Course Professionals identified in Exhibit 1 to the Motion and any Supplement.

18. The Debtors shall not make any payment to any Ordinary Course Professional that has not complied with the Ordinary Course Professional Procedures and the other terms of this Order.

19. This Order shall not apply to any Chapter 11 Professional retained by the Debtors under a separate order of this Court.

20. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h), 7062 or 9014, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be effective immediately and enforceable upon its entry.

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21. To the extent this Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading with  
respect to the Motion in these cases, the terms of this Order shall govern.

22. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief  
granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Motion.

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Initial Ordinary Course Professionals**

Professional (Name & Address)	Type of Service Provided	Monthly Fee Cap if Services are Utilized	Aggregate Fee Cap
Advokatfirmae Schjodt AS Attn: Hanne Worsoe Gernes Kongsgardbakken 3 PB 444 Savanger, Norway	Legal - Norway mining portfolio	\$100,000	\$600,000
Allen & Overy LLP Attn: Lorna Dougan 1 Bishops Sq London, United Kingdom E1 6AD	Legal - Commercial contracts and international counsel	\$8,550	\$51,300
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP Attn: Michael Burke One Federal Place, 1819 5th Avenue North Birmingham, Alabama 35203	Legal - State securities law counsel	\$3,150	\$18,900
Brody and Browne LLP Attn: Anna Browne One Penn Plaza New York, New York 10119	Legal - Employment counsel	\$9,000	\$54,000
CGFI 1 Lincoln Street, Suite 1301 Boston, Massachusetts 02111	Accounting advisory - Tax advisory and prior year filing consulting	\$18,000	\$108,000
CohnReznick LLP 14 Sylvan Way, 3rd Floor Parsippany, New Jersey 07054	Auditor - 401k plan required audits	\$27,000	\$162,000
Conyers Dill and Pearman Limited Attn: Jannika Smith Clarendon House, 2 Church Street Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11	Legal - Caribbean region transactional counsel	\$1,800	\$10,800
Covington & Burling LLP Attn: Ebill Admin 2301 Tower C, Yintai Center No. 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie Beijing, China 22000	Legal - Financial services regulatory counsel	\$39,600	\$237,600
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP Attn: Stanley Bazin Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima,	Legal - General transactional counsel	\$81,000	\$486,000

Professional (Name & Address)	Type of Service Provided	Monthly Fee Cap if Services are Utilized	Aggregate Fee Cap
3900 11 andare - cj 1102 Sao Paulo, Brazil 04538-132			
Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC Attn: Joni Gingue Courthouse Plaza, 199 Main Street, 6th Floor Burlington, Vermont 5402	Legal - State securities law counsel	\$2,700	\$16,200
GermanolawLLC Attn: Judith Germano 460 Bloomfield Avenue Suite 200 Montclair, New Jersey 7042	Legal - NJ civil and criminal law counsel	\$40,500	\$243,000
Grant Thornton 757 3rd Avenue #9 New York, New York 10017- 2013	Auditor - Auditor for financial statements	\$36,000	\$216,000
Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, LLP Attn: Bryan Rosenberg 201 S. Main Street, Suite 700 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104	Legal - Corporate counsel	\$45,000	\$270,000
Hodgson Russ LLP Attn: Michele Torba 140 Pearl St, Suite 100 Buffalo, New York 14202	Legal - Immigration legal counsel	\$22,500	\$135,000
Hogan Lovells International LLP Attn: Electronic Billing Avenida Maisonnave 22 Alicante, Spain 3003	Legal - UK regulatory counsel	\$4,500	\$27,000
Holland & Knight LLP Attn: Billing TeamE Al Masaood Tower, Nissan Show Room 7th Floor Al Najda Street, United Arab Emirates 112738	Legal - Defensive litigation counsel	\$9,000	\$54,000
Johnson Gardiner, Attorneys At Law 51A St. Mary's Street	Legal - Antigua and Barbuda litigation counsel	\$38,000	\$228,000

Professional (Name & Address)	Type of Service Provided	Monthly Fee Cap if Services are Utilized	Aggregate Fee Cap
St. John's, Antigua			
Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP Attn: Katten E-Billing 111 Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701-4143	Legal - Commodities regulatory counsel	\$4,500	\$27,000
King & Spalding LLP Attn: Amber Wills Level, Al Sila Tower Abu Dhabi Global Market Square PO Box 130522 Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Legal - State securities law counsel	\$900	\$5,400
KPMG Dept 0511 PO Box 120511 Dallas, Texas 75312-0511	Accounting advisory - Internal audit services	\$135,000	\$810,000
Linklaters LLP Attn: Adam Knight Al Sila Tower 1, Level 27 Abu Dhabi Global Market Square Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates PO Box 144970	Legal - Singapore legal counsel	\$45,000	\$270,000
Linklaters Singapore Pte. Ltd. Attn: Evelyn Hui One George Street #17-01 Singapore, Singapore 49145	Legal - Singapore legal counsel	\$45,000	\$270,000
Littler Mendelson, P.C. Attn: Electronic Billingadministrator 6565 Americas Parkway NE, Suite 200 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110	Legal - Employment counsel	\$4,500	\$27,000
Luxor Data Services Attn: Ethan Vera ethan@luxor.tech 6965 El Camino Real 105, Carlsbad, California, 92009	Consultant – ASIC Valuation and Pricing	\$25,000	\$50,000

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Maynard, Cooper & Gale Attn: Ragan Barker 1901 6th Ave. North, Suite 1700 Birmingham, Alabama 35203	Legal - State securities law counsel	\$2,700	\$16,200
McAfee & Taft A Professional Corporation Attn: Sharon Selby 211 North Robinson Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102	Legal - State securities law counsel	\$2,700	\$16,200
McLeod Law LLP Attn: Karan Jones 14505 Bannister Road SE Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2X 3J3	Legal - Canadian legal counsel	\$22,500	\$135,000
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. Attn: Mintz Billing Support One Financial Center Boston, Massachusetts 2111	Legal - General transactional counsel	\$9,000	\$54,000
Morris Nichols Arsh & Tunnell Attn: Derek Abbott 1201 North Market Street, P.O. Box 1347 Wilmington, Delaware 19899-1347	Legal - Delaware local counsel	\$45,000	\$270,000
North River Global, LLC 251 East 51st Street, Suite 8A New York, New York 10022	Accounting advisory - Book keeping services	\$18,000	\$108,000
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP Attn: E-billing Team P.O. Box 50, 1 First Canadian Place Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5X 1B8	Legal - Canadian legal counsel	\$19,800	\$118,800
Perkins Coie LLP Attn: Electronic Billing Administrator Team 1029 West Third Ave., Suite	Legal - State regulatory counsel	\$31,500	\$189,000

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300 Anchorage, Alaska 99501			
PKF O'Connor Davies LLP 245 Park Avenue New York, New York 10167	Auditor - Auditor for financial statements	\$328,500	\$985,500
Rath, Young and Pignatelli Attn: Jeannine Bohi One Capital Plaza PO BOX 1500 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1500	Legal - State regulatory counsel	\$900	\$5,400
Richards and Company Victoria Chambers The Colony House, 41 Nevins Street St. John's, Antigua	Legal - Antigua and Barbuda counsel	\$900	\$5,400
Rose Law Firm (Little Rock) Attn: Cathy Robinson 120 East Fourth Street Little Rock, Arkansas 77201-2893	Legal - State regulatory counsel	\$900	\$5,400
Simmons & Simmons Attn: Ediz Ali PO Box 79023 Amsterdam, Netherlands 1070 NB	Legal - UK legal counsel	\$7,200	\$43,200
Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher Attn: Chantal Lactaoen 733 Bishop Street, 19th Floor Pacific Guardian Center, Makal Tower Honolulu, Hawaii 96813	Legal - State regulatory counsel	\$900	\$5,400
Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC Attn: Michelle Bryant One Main Street, Suite 201 Evansville, Indiana 47708	Legal - State regulatory counsel	\$900	\$5,400
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP Attn: Adela Ceron 20th Floor, Alexander House, 18 Chater Road Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Legal - Federal securities law counsel	\$90,000	\$540,000

Professional (Name & Address)	Type of Service Provided	Monthly Fee Cap if Services are Utilized	Aggregate Fee Cap
Walkers Attn: Michael Rivers 5th Floor, The Exchange Building PO Box 506513, DIFC Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Legal - Non-bankruptcy international legal work	\$45,000	\$270,000
Ward and Smith, P.A. Attn: Sara Jones 82 Patton Avenue Suite 300 Asheville, North Carolina 28802	Legal - State regulatory counsel	\$31,500	\$189,000
White & Case LLP Attn: Lisa Bottone 16 Al Sila Tower Abu Dhabi Global Market Square Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Legal - General transactional counsel	\$27,000	\$162,000

**EXHIBIT 2**

**Form of Declaration**

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**DECLARATION OF [DECLARANT], ON BEHALF OF PROPOSED  
ORDINARY COURSE PROFESSIONAL [COMPANY NAME]**

I, [Declarant], pursuant to Section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code, hereby declare that the following is true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief:

1. I am [Title] of [Company Name], located at [Address] (the “Company”).

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: BlockFi Inc. (0015); BlockFi Trading LLC (2487); BlockFi Lending LLC (5017); BlockFi Wallet LLC (3231); BlockFi Ventures LLC (9937); BlockFi International Ltd. (N/A); BlockFi Investment Products LLC (2422); BlockFi Services, Inc. (5965) and BlockFi Lending II LLC (0154). The location of the Debtors’ service address is 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

2. This Declaration is submitted in connection with an order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey authorizing BlockFi Inc. and/or its affiliated debtors (collectively, the “Debtors”) to retain certain professionals in the ordinary course of business during the pendency of the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Cases [Dkt. \_\_] (the “Order”). Following the date that the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Cases were commenced (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors have requested that the Company provide professional services (or continue to provide such services) to the Debtors, and the Company has consented to provide such services. Accordingly, the Company is submitting this Declaration pursuant to the Order.

3. The Company, through me, and other members, partners, associates, or employees of the Company, has provided, or plans to provide, the following services to the Debtors from and after the Petition Date:

4. BlockFi Inc. and/or its affiliated debtors (collectively, the “Debtors”) have requested that the Company provide [Type of Services] to the Debtors, and the Company has consented to provide such services.

5. The Company may have performed services in the past and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases, for persons that are parties in interest in these cases. As part of its customary practice, the Company is retained in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different parties, some of whom may represent or be claimants or employees of the Debtors, or other parties in interest in these cases. The Company does not perform services for any such person in connection with these cases. In addition, the Company does not have any relationship with any such person, their attorneys, or accountants that would be adverse to the Debtors or their estates.

6. Neither I, nor any principal of, or professional employed by the Company has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any other person other than the principals and regular employees of the Company.

7. Neither I, nor any principal of, or professional employed by the Company, insofar as I have been able to discover, holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates.

8. The Company believes that it is [not owed any amount] / [owed approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_] on account of services rendered and expenses incurred prior to the Petition Date in connection with the Company's employment by the Debtors.

9. [FOR LEGAL SERVICES FIRMS: The Debtors owe the Company \$\_\_\_\_\_ for prepetition services, the payment of which is subject to limitations contained in title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. 101-1532].

10. [FOR NON-LEGAL SERVICE FIRMS ONLY: The Company agreed to waive all unpaid amounts for services rendered prior to the Petition Date].

11. As of the Petition Date, which was the date on which the Debtors commenced these Chapter 11 Cases, the Company [was/was not] party to an agreement for indemnification with the Debtors. [A copy of such agreement is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Declaration.]

12. At any time during the period of its employment, if the Company should discover any facts bearing on the matters described herein, the Company will supplement the information contained in this Declaration.

13. I, or a representative of the Company, have read and am familiar with the requirements of the *Order Granting Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing Employment and Payment of Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of Business*.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this [Date] in [City, State, Country].

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[Declarant]

**Exhibit 3**

**Form Retention Questionnaire**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)

(Jointly Administered)

**RETENTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH ORDINARY COURSE PROFESSIONAL  
EMPLOYED BY THE DEBTORS**

**Do not file this Questionnaire with the Court. Please return it to:**

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: BlockFi Inc. (0015); BlockFi Trading LLC (2487); BlockFi Lending LLC (5017); BlockFi Wallet LLC (3231); BlockFi Ventures LLC (9937); BlockFi International Ltd. (N/A); BlockFi Investment Products LLC (2422); BlockFi Services, Inc. (5965) and BlockFi Lending II LLC (0154). The location of the Debtors' service address is 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

If more space is needed, please complete on a separate page and attach.

1. Name and address of Company:

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2. Date of retention:

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3. Type of services provided (accounting, legal, etc.):

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4. Brief description of services to be provided:

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5. Arrangements for compensation (hourly, contingent, etc.):

(a) Average hourly rate (if applicable):

(b) Estimated average monthly compensation based on prepetition retention (if Company was employed prepetition):

6. Prepetition claims against the Debtor held by the firm (if any):

Amount of claim: \$

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Date claim arose:

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Nature of claim

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7. Prepetition claims against the Debtor held individually by any member, associate, or professional employee of the firm:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of claim:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date claim arose:

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Nature of claim:

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8. Disclose the nature and provide a brief description of any interest adverse to the Debtors or to their estates with respect to the matters on which the Company is to be employed:

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9. Name and title of individual completing this Retention Questionnaire:

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In re:  
BlockFi Inc.  
Debtor

Case No. 22-19361-MBK  
Chapter 11

District/off: 0312-3  
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**Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on Jan 19, 2023:**

Recip ID	Recipient Name and Address
db	#+ BlockFi Inc., 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302-5057

TOTAL: 1

**Notice by electronic transmission was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.**

Electronic transmission includes sending notices via email (Email/text and Email/PDF), and electronic data interchange (EDI).

NONE

## BYPASSED RECIPIENTS

The following addresses were not sent this bankruptcy notice due to an undeliverable address, \*duplicate of an address listed above, \*P duplicate of a preferred address, or ## out of date forwarding orders with USPS.

NONE

## NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Jan 19, 2023

Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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## CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on January 17, 2023 at the address(es) listed below:

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